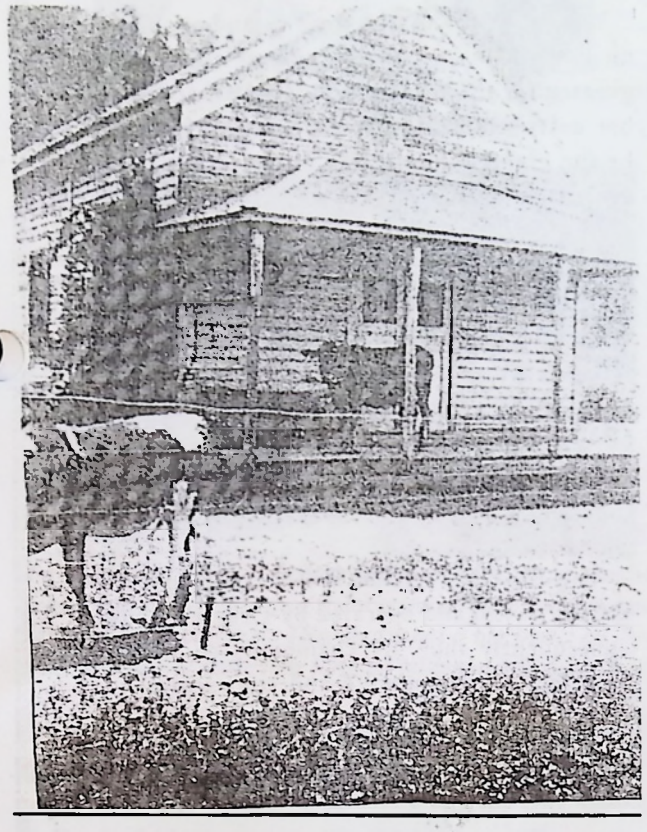
Nuggets Of News

Sept./October 2010

News, Photographs and Events of the Gold Hill Historical Society, Est. 1986
Meetings are held the third Wednesday each month at 6:30 PM at the Museum, 504 First Avenue, Gold Hill, Oregon
(except September when the annual potluck is held at noon on the Museum grounds, the Sunday following the third Wednesday)
Mailing address: Post Office Box 26, Gold Hill, Oregon 97525-0026 Telephone: (541) 855-1182 or 855-1461
Museum Hours: Noon to 4:00 PM, Thursday through Saturday, except holidays
Admission FREE

ROCK POINT SCHOOL



We've all heard or known of faithful dogs who followed their youthful two-legged friends to school, but the above bovine is a bit out of the ordinary. The photograph was donated to the GHHS by former Sams Valleyite Jack Vaughn of the Upper Rogue Historical Society. The Rock Point School burned down in the 1920's, so this obviously is an earlier generation "mooosic" student☺

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SCHOOL DAZED!!

Remembering ALYCE

Thanks to the generosity of Rene' Bottelson Webb, the GHHS took a field trip similar to the countless ones Alyce Bottelson was renowned for organizing. Rene' donated proceeds from the estate sale of some of her mother's numerous collections, to some of the community organizations Alyce had been active in for decades.

On Wednesday, August 25th, JJ North's Buffet in Grants Pass was the first stop. Twenty-one members were present to enjoy the vittles, visiting, and brief business meeting. Fourteen carpooled on to tour the Applegate Trail Museum in Sunny Valley. It was a enjoyable day. Surely Alyce, a long time energetic GHHS charter member, was smiling down on her old friends enjoying a get-together in her memory. One of our favorite and most dependable volunteers. Thanks Rene' [and dear, dear Alyce].

♥♥♥ ♥ ♥ forever in our hearts ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥♥♥

IN APPRECIATION:

Jim & Rene' Webb for the innovative clothes rack set up in the artifact storage area. And also, **Rene's** milestone Cement Plant personnel indexing project [mostly from boxes of paperwork donated by **Evalyn Kile**] A researcher's gem.
Sherry Verstrate for relaying **Jean Fredenburg's** ancestors' 1915 marriage license, from Sams Valley. Also, Sherry's nonstop pursuit of memories/memorabilia of local history from her friends and family. She's a dynamic crusader.
Roland Washburn's donation of the Oregon/Applegate Trail[s] map and sharing his seemingly bottomless memories of our area.
Debra & Jane Elwood for the new American flag, and for their enjoyable company after such a long time absent. [Looking GOOD, ladies. Keep it up.]
Alice Arasmith's remembrances from Harold Foley's estate sale. Irreplaceable memorabilia, including a 1911 Gold Hill School commencement program, and books with endearing inscriptions from the past. One book came from the old Alderbrook/Sardine Creek School library.
Judy & Dennis Powers' continuous donations and guidance. The GHHS November newsletter will have a momentous announcement regarding the culmination of a GHHS day-one goal - one that will keep giving and giving over the years.
Joel Mason for an exceptionally lovely bonnet from the past. Our mannequins will be vying to wear it!
Mark Campbell for his continuing interest and support.
Terry Chouinard for hours of event volunteering, and sharing artifacts of the old Gold Hill Mine area.
Maureen Smith for a larger scanner for the museum office.
Jack Vaughn's sharing of donated dated photograph negatives. The Rock Point School photo on this newsletter front page was one of the three pertaining to our locale.
And to **everyone** who supports the important work of gathering and preserving our notable [or notorious] times of yore, in thought or in action. ♥

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[From 1927 Gold Hill High School yearbook]

The Manufacture of Cement

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With the growth of our cities and our Commonwealth the needs for cement will become greater for the forests will diminish and lumber costs will raise. Cement or concrete will be the greatest of all building materials. The cement industry is but in its infancy.

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Member Merriment

Decorum, Debra Elwood!! Seems she enjoys being back with the old GHHS bunch of hooligans.

Tim Murray & Kerry Vaught are newer GHHS team members. School bus drivers, the two spent some of their summer hours working in the museum. [No, that's not a big insect on Tim's ear. It's one of those new fangled telephone thingamajigs.]

Eating, visiting, meeting, and exploring were all on the menu during the GHHS August 25th field trip north to Grants Pass' JJ North's Buffet and Sunny Valley's Old Applegate Trail Museum. From two year old Damian DeShane to several young at heart geriatrics, it was fun to assemble away from the museum for once. Rene'-Webb even persuaded good ole Rollie Washburn to accompany thirteen other members onto the museum at Sunny Valley's Grave Creek Covered Bridge. Rollie, scarcely home from a trip to North Dakota where he had been introduced to that easterly section of the Oregon Trail, had his enthusiasm freshly whetted by further knowledge of the westerly portion of that long, tedious, dusty route. We learned that after the first few years, many more wagon trains turned south onto the new Applegate Trail section, than continued on thru the entire length of the Oregon Trail. Apprehension of floating their wagons, families, and livestock down the notorius Columbia River Gorge, with it's treacherous currents and history of numerous drownings, was all the encouragement many families needed to divert onto the southerly route through Southern Oregon.

Oxen powered covered wagon on the OLD Oregon Trail

Horse powered "Un-covered" wagon heading for the NEW Oregon Trail [I-5], as Terry Chouinard chauffeurs Janet.

FLOATING GOLD DREDGES

By Dennis Powers

Editors note: California's strict new dredging regulations have taken effect at the same time the price of gold is skyrocketing. Southern Oregon rivers such as the Rogue are literally overflowing with small dredging operations this summer. Feeding this frenzy is the removal of both Gold Ray and Savage Rapids Dams, releasing decades of sediments laden with precious heavy metals. This might be an opportune time to remind ourselves that this is not the first dredging 'gold rush' in our local rivers and creeks. Below described float dredges were often huge, noisy commercial enterprises, far surpassing the small scale equipment currently being allowed to operate on local waterways. But the incentive was the same a century ago- GOLD!!!

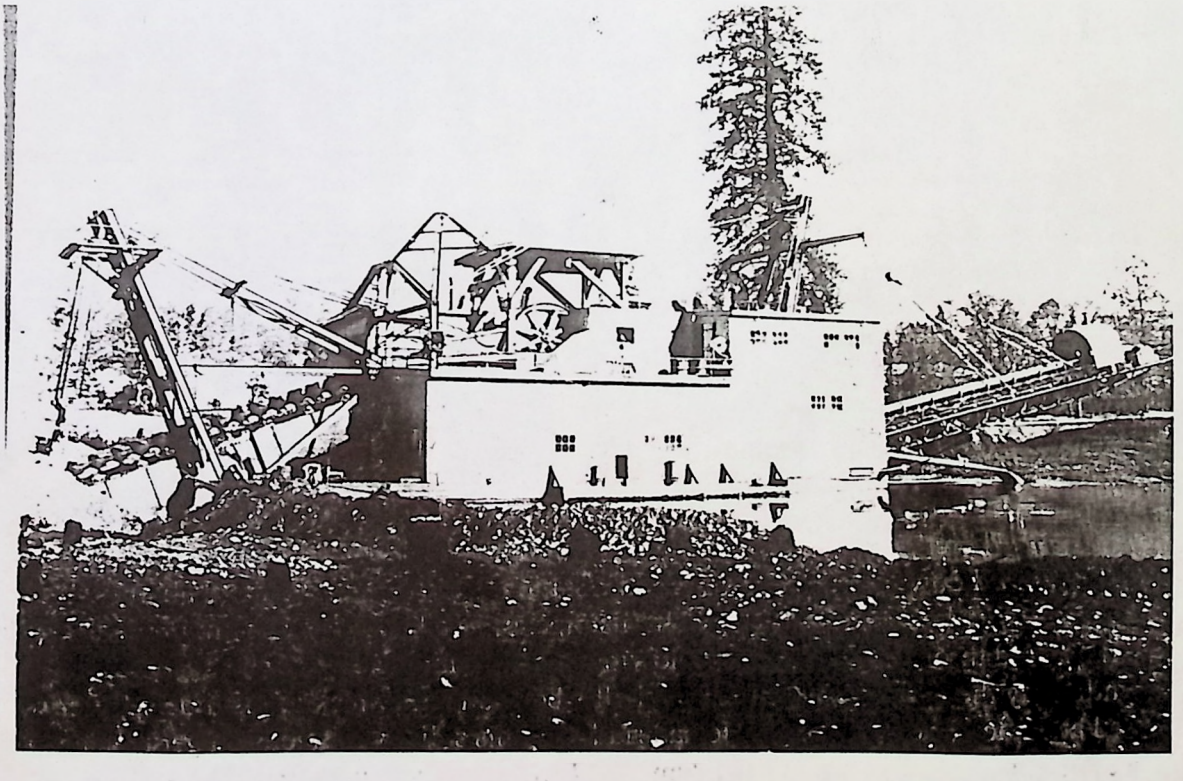
When gold mining was booming in the early 1900's, floating bucket-line dredges arrived in Jackson County. These mechanical monsters noisily scooped up large quantities of gold-bearing placer rock from stream beds.

In 1903, a wood-burning, steam-powered dredge began operating on Foots creek in Jackson County. Two years later, the Gold Ray Dam supplied electricity which reduced operational costs, and dredges moved into Evans Creek, Wolf Creek, on the Rogue River at the mouth of Grave Creek, and in other mining districts in Jackson and Josephine counties.

The initial Foots Creek dredge had thirty-six 8-foot buckets which moved 2,000 yards of gravel every 24 hours. By 1941 the Murphy-Murray dredge [shown below] on Foots Creek was a huge structure, **four stories high, 81 feet long and 37 feet wide**. It's 67 buckets could grab 4,000 cubic yards daily and dig 20 feet below the waterline. It was the most successful dredging operation in Oregon.

Dredging ceased during World War II when the war effort turned to copper mining instead of gold. The large dredges never returned.

It's hard to believe that such small creeks supported the huge machinery. There's still gold in the stream beds, but environmental considerations would prohibit such dredge-mining today.



Incident at Gold Hill

By Dennis Powers, Gold Hill Historical Society Board Member extraordinaire

Wondering about their friend Marshall??

For fourteen years Ambrose Marshall worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad as a bridge carpenter, watching over the trestles that spanned canyons and rivers between Ashland and Roseburg. From the solitude of his small motorized railcar, or speeder, and armed only with a timetable and a keen eye, he had tempted fate dodging trains day and night without a mishap. But one night something went terribly wrong.

At 6:30 p.m., October 10, 1912, Marshall appeared at Cardwell's Saloon, here in Gold Hill, for a few drinks, just as the Oregon-Express passenger train charged through town with its headlight blazing. Shortly after 7 p.m., Marshall walked down to the depot where the station agent told him that the number 14 local train would soon be approaching. Marshall thanked him, lit his pipe and walked off into the night. A few minutes later the second train roared through town, whistle blowing and bell ringing.

It wasn't until early the next morning that Marshall's body and the wreck of his little speeder were found r the wagon road at the lower end of town. He had ridden on his solitary missions longer than anyone could remember, but that night, fate in the form of train number 14, finally caught up with him. ♦♦♦

Glimpse Into One of Gold Hill's Well Known Early Family's Records

Gold Hill Public Schools

Report of Lloyd Miller

From Sept. 5 1910, to May 12, 1911.

Teacher A J Hanby

Subject	1st mon	2nd mon	3rd mon	4th mon	5th mon	6th mon	7th mon	8th mon	9th mon	Average
Times Tardy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Days Absent	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Deportment	90	89	88	87	88	90	89	88	88	
Attendance	100	100	100	85	100	100	100	100	100	
Spelling										
Reading										
Writing										
Language										
Arithmetic										
Geography										
History	87	90	86	85	77	90	80	84	84	84
Physiology										
Drawing										
Agriculture										
Rhetoric	89	91	87	88	89	88	82	76	83	86
Literature										82
Physical Geog.	99	91	90	70	85	91	86	70	88	86
Algebra	85	88	80	85	75	82	78	80	80	80
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Gold Hill Public Schools

The plan of promotion, for advancement to the next grade, is to give only three examinations during the year, and these examinations will be averaged at the end of the year with the monthly standing as shown on the card. Mark will depend on punctual, regular attendance and daily work. Absence and tardiness will lower the monthly record.

A general average of 50 per cent, with no subject below 70, promotes to the next grade at close of year. Deportment is included in the average, and is based on Conduct, Punctuality and Industry. If marks are not satisfactory please consult teacher. You are always welcome at the school.

A. J. HANBY, Principal.

Signature

1st Mo. W H Miller 4th Mo. W H Miller 7th Mo. W H Miller

2d Mo. W H Miller 5th Mo. W H Miller 8th Mo. W H Miller

3d Mo. W H Miller 6th Mo. W H Miller 9th Mo.

This report is Satisfactory and Lloyd Miller

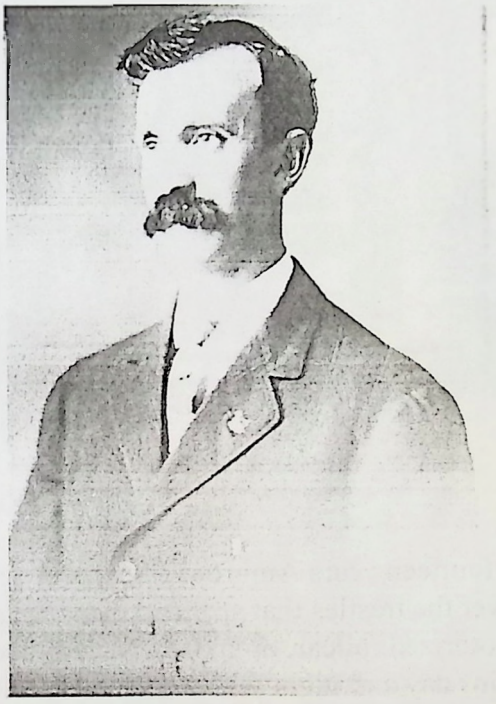
is Promoted to the 10 grade

Date May 12, 1911. G J Hanby Teacher

A. J. HANBY, Principal

It appears that teacher A. J. Hanby made a few erasures on student Lloyd Miller's 1910-1911 Gold Hill Public School report card, both in the 3rd month on the front side, and on the "Satisfactory" on the reverse side. It was good enough for father to sign in agreement though and young Miller was promoted to the 1911-1912 10th grade class. W.H. Miller went on to become a Gold Hill School Board member for several years. Obviously he was an involved father and active local citizen.

Notice the near perfect attendance and times tardy. Either he genuinely enjoyed school or perchance just had some firm parental supervision.



W. H. Miller

1904 - Deputy Sheriff
1910 - ? Proprietor of Gold Hill's Model Grocery Store
[on corner of 2nd Avenue and 4th Street]
1923-26 Gold Hill Mayor

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G.H.H. School Yearbook - 1912

Meals 25c Rooms 25c.

RESTAURANT

MEALS SERVED IN FAMILY STYLE

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MRS. W. R. WALKER. Prop.

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Gold Hill Historical Society Membership Form

Name_____

Street Address_____

Mailing Address_____

City/State/Zip code_____

Telephone_____

Family Membership: **$20 annually**

_____New

_____Renewal

_____Contribution

Return form to:

Gold Hill Historical Society

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Gold Hill, OR 97525

541-855-1461

Volunteer Opportunities:

_____help at special events

_____help inventory artifacts

_____an occasional day

_____a regular schedule

__monthly

__weekly

_____be a museum greeter

_____"honey-do's"

_____fire engine restoration help

_____help with yard maintenance

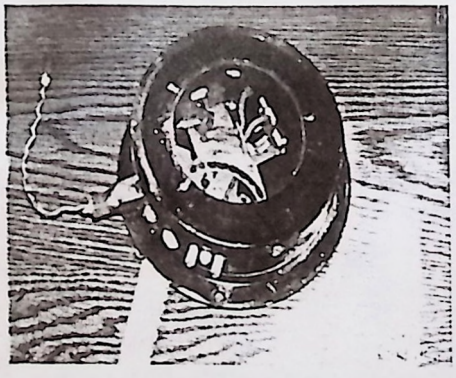
_____other_____

Gold Hill Historical Society Board of Directors

President - Anita Brown **Vice-President** - Sherry Verstrate

Treasurer - Maureen Smith **Secretary** - Morgan Smith

Board Members - Rene Webb, Marge Martin, Glenn & Gloria Ray, Dennis & Judy Powers, Janet Sessions



UNIQUE GOLD RAY DAM artifacts: These power house gauges are a few of the artifacts that will soon be on display at the Gold Hill Museum. A County official will be describing the function of each gauge, so we may fully and correctly label them. What an exceptional exhibit this will be! Brothers Frank and Charles Ray were prominently connected to numerous area enterprises beyond their monumental Rogue River dam.

SAVING THE PAST - FOR THE FUTURE

Member Tidbit

Visitors to the annual GHHS Museum Haunted House will be familiar with our personable fortune teller **Eva Dennington**. An active imagination, foreign accent, accompanied by a large feathery bonnet, gives an atmosphere of authenticity to the crystal ball and all-seeing cards, creating a memorable experience. Eva, married to looong time Gold Hillite, Herman, originated in capital city Lindau, Southern Germany, where she resided on a small island in Lake Constance. The lake also borders Switzerland and Austria. A bookkeeper by profession, she currently favors hiking, yoga, traveling, volunteering [thank goodness, for the GHHS], and all kinds of music. Since her husband is quite talented musically, that last mentioned pastime is well suited. Uprooting this elegant lady to the *wilderness* of Galls Creek was serendipitous, as she took to the country life like a moth to a flame.

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Calendar of Events

SATURDAY, September 18th

Annual Potluck/picnic meeting, on the museum grounds, noon - ? GHHS provides fried chicken and PG rated drinks. Please bring a side dish. A VERY brief meeting will lead into "light-fingered" Bingo. Each *wrapped* white elephant gift you donate earns you one Bingo card [up to four]. Always enjoyable!

Sunday, September 19th

Table Rock School Centennial, 11 a.m -?

Third Wednesday, October 20th

GHHS monthly meeting, ***6:30 pm***, at the museum [504 First Avenue]. Visitors are always welcome.

Friday & Saturday, October 29th, & 30th

HAUNTED HOUSE at the museum, 6 - 9 p.m. Come all ye brave, bold spirits - if you dare! [Please use restroom prior to your journey thru the chilling site - we are weary of mopping up the fright.]

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